

REGULAR MEETING
BROCKWAY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brockway Area Elementary
Educational Service Center

December 2, 2025
After Reorganization Meeting

Members Present: Joseph Antonuccio
James Brown
Megan Bussard
Steven Clark
Jeffery Ginther

Robert Grecco
Katie Morris
Anthony Varischetti
Edward Yahner

Student Members: Tanner Raffeinner
Grace Koehler

Superintendent: Brian Mulholland

Board Secretary: Laurie L. Piccirillo

Solicitor: R. Edward Ferraro
Ross Ferraro

Visitors: Ben Donlin, K-12 Principal
Sue Olsakovsky, 4th Grade Teacher

Press: None

President Edward Yahner called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

Roll call taken by the secretary showed nine members present.

Visitors were welcomed and acknowledged.

President Yahner informed the public that there was an executive session/personnel/safety meeting on December 2, 2025 at 6:00-7:35 p.m. No action taken

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A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Katie Morris, to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025 meeting. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

B.A.E.A.

No representative

B.A.E.S.P.A.

No representative

GENERAL PUBLIC

Sue Olsakovsky spoke about the playground for grades 4-6

JEFF-TECH – James Brown & Jeffery Ginther

No meeting

A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Jeffery Ginther, to appoint Anthony Varischetti as an alternate member for Jeff Tech until December 31, 2028. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

I.U. # 6 – Katie Morris

Next meeting is December 10, 2025

Still searching for an Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director
Looking for a replacement for I.U. board representative and/or consider an alternate

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – Tanner Raffeinner & Grace Koehler

Report submitted

P.S.B.A. LIAISON – Joseph Antonuccio

AI Symposium is December 10, 2025

In-person Board Training is live December 13, 2025

Virtual Board Training is January 10, 2026

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Katie Morris, to authorize administration to pay budgeted general fund bills for December 2025. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

TREASURER'S REPORT – NoneREPORT OF COMMITTEESACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – Joseph Antonuccio, Chairperson

Student Recognition:

YDL Sports Network District IX Girls' Soccer All-District IX Team

Ana Hughes – 11th Grade – First Team – Offense
Gabby Pisarcik – 12th Grade - Second Team – Offense

YDL Sports Network District IX Boys' Soccer All-District IX Team

Caleb Daugherty – 11th Grade – First Team – Offense
Bradey Hughes – 12th Grade – Frist Team – Offense
Edison Bazik – 11th Grade – First Team – Defense/Goalie
Luke Martino – 10th Grade – Second Team – Offense

2025 Sports Network/D9 and D10 Sports District IX All-District Volleyball Team

Sophia Schmader – 12th Grade – First Team – Co-All-Around Impact Player

Band

On February 5-7, 2026, Clarion High School will host the PMEA District Band Festival.

The following students will compete:

Austin Lindemuth – Trombone II – 12th Grade

Abigail Michalski – Flute II – 11th Grade
Colin Keith – Cornet I – 12th Grade
Wesley Keith – French Horn II – 11th Grade
Clara Keith – Clarinet I – 10th Grade

Chorus

On January 7-9, 2026, the Brockway Area Jr.-Sr. High School will host the PMEA District III Chorus Festival.

The following students will compete:

Clara Keith – 10th Grade
Grace Koehler – 11th Grade
Siena Ferraro – 11th Grade
Gianna Patricelli – 12th Grade
Soraya Manno – 10th Grade
Tanzleigh Morrison – 12th Grade
Sadie Cherubini – 10th Grade
Elise Hertel – 12th Grade
Joshua Nagele – 11th Grade
Connor Carnahan – 12th Grade
Colin Keith – 12th Grade
Zane McFadden -12th Grade
Wesley Keith – 11th Grade

On January 23, 2026, Oil City High School will host the PMEA District III Junior High Chorus Festival.

The following students will compete:

Autumn Shank, 8th Grade
Paetyn Uhl, 9th Grade
Taylor Newcamp, 8th Grade
Leona Calhoun, 8th Grade
Mackenzie Dittemore, 8th Grade
Mikayla Stahlman, 7th Grade
Leonard Fremer, 8th Grade
Jonah Rush, 7th Grade
Spencer Lahrman, 9th Grade
Magnus Dean, 9th Grade
Joben Smith, 9th Grade

A motion was made by Joseph Antonuccio, seconded by James Brown, to approve the following

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conferences/workshops/fieldtrips:

Laura Spirk – CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training – October 27, 2025
Riverview I.U. 6, Clarion – Total cost \$50.12

Chrissy Myers and 18 students – Christmas Caroling – December 18, 2025 – Highland View, Brockway – School Van

Matt Holt, Kyle Norman, Kelli Norman and 25-30 students – PA Farm Show & Mid-Winter Convention, Harrisburg – January 12-13, 2026 – Total \$3,500.00 (Paid by Mengle \$1,500 and FFA \$2,000)

Ryan Carter and 11 students – Junior High Chorus Fest – January 23, 2026 – Oil City High School – Total cost \$727.17

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

The Junior-Senior High School Band & Chorus will present their annual Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The Fifth & Sixth Grade Band and Sixth Grade Chorus will present their annual Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for the elementary school and 1:15 p.m. for the parents in the high school auditorium.

A motion was made by Joseph Antonuccio, seconded by James Brown, to approve a Co-Op agreement with Ridgway School District to offer gymnastics to our students. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

BUILDING, SUPPLIES, & CAFETERIA COMMITTEE – Jeffery Ginther, Vice- Chairperson

No report

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Steven Clark, Chairperson

No report

POLICY COMMITTEE – Robert Grecco, Chairperson

Presentation and First Reading:

Revised Policy No. 105.2 Exemption from Instruction
Revised Policy No. 122 Extracurricular Activities

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE – Jeffery Ginther, Chairperson

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to appoint Laurie Piccirillo as the primary voting delegate and Rick Clark as the first alternative voting delegate to the Jefferson County Tax Collection Committee. If the primary delegate cannot be present for a committee meeting, the first alternative delegate shall be the representative at the committee meeting. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Jeffery Ginther, seconded by James Brown, to approve the Jefferson County Tax Collection Committee budget of \$3,500.00 for the calendar year 2026. The District is responsible for 9.81% of the budget cost or \$343.35. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

INSTRUCTIONAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Katie Morris, Chairperson

Title I Report – No Report

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the recommendation of elementary administration to approve the following mentor for new staff:
(2-year program - \$400/yr.)

Stacy Rice for Kelsey Heindl

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

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A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the proposed course selection guide change for students on the Academic Technical (AT) track. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to contract Catapult Learning, LLC to provide Title I services to the non-public schools for the 2025-26 school year at a cost not to exceed \$14,416.00. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the proposed increase to sport official stipends, effective for the 2025-26 school year. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

Call Vote: Aye (9) Joseph Antonuccio, James Brown, Megan Bussard, Steven Clark, Jeffery Ginther, Robert Grecco, Katie Morris, Anthony Varischetti, Edward Yahner

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the recommendation of Scott Morrison, girls' basketball head coach, to hire the following additional girls' basketball coaching staff, effective for the 2025-26 school year, provided the necessary clearances are obtained as required by the school district:

Steve Clark – Volunteer Assistant Coach
Kurt Becker – Volunteer Assistant Coach
Stephanie Weber – Volunteer Assistant Coach

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the recommendation of Brandon Boleen, girls' wrestling head coach, to hire the following additional girls' wrestling coaching staff, effective for the 2025-26 school year, provided the necessary clearances are obtained as required by the school district:

Jennifer Boleen – Volunteer Assistant Coach

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the recommendation of Troy Braddock, boys' wrestling head coach, to hire/rehire the following additional boys' wrestling coaching staff, effective for the 2025-26 school year, provided the necessary clearances are obtained as required by the school district:

Robin Baxter-Morris – Volunteer
Kyle Boleen – Elementary Volunteer Coach
Mark Kresge – Elementary Volunteer Coach
Chris Cavalline – Elementary Volunteer Coach

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve the recommendation of Brad Martino, boys' basketball head coach, to hire/rehire the following additional boys' basketball coaching staff, effective for the 2025-26 school year, provided the necessary clearances are obtained as required by the school district:

Justin Decker – Volunteer Assistant Coach
Andy Daugherty – Volunteer Assistant Coach
Steve Clark – Volunteer Assistant Coach
Ryan Morrison – Volunteer Assistant Coach

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

A motion was made by Katie Morris, seconded by James Brown, to approve and place on file the following applications.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>City</u>
Dylan Aiello	PreK-4/Sub	St Marys
Tiah Buffone	Special Education	Brockway
Kelsey Heindl	Special Education	Ridgway
Nicole Macchi	Special Education	Brockway
Dorrie Olay	PreK-4/Sub	Kersey
Gary Walborn	Maintenance	Falls Creek
Robin Baxter-Morris	Boys' & Girls' Wrestling Volunteer	Brockway
Jennifer Boleen	Girls' Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach	Brockport
Kyle Peterson	Jr. High Softball Coach	Brockway

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Stephanie Weber Girls' Basketball Volunteer Coach DuBois

Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

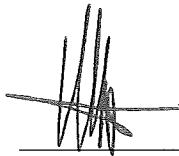
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Schools are scheduled to be in session until Friday, December 19, 2025 with a one-hour early dismissal and re-open Monday, January 5, 2026.

The next scheduled regular board meeting is Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Brown, seconded by Jeffery Ginther, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.



Edward Yahner, President
Brockway Area School District



Laurie Piccirillo, Board Secretary
Brockway Area School District

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BROCKWAY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, the Pennsylvania legislature passed Act 1 of Special Session 2006, entitled the “Taxpayer Relief Act” (hereinafter “Act 1”);

WHEREAS, Act 1 requires school districts to limit tax increases to the level set by an inflation index unless the tax increase is approved by voters in a referendum or the school district obtains from the Department of Education or a court of common pleas certain referendum exceptions;

WHEREAS, Act 1 does, however, allow a board of school directors to elect to adopt a resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, provided this resolution must be adopted no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the Brockway Area School District index for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is 4.9%;

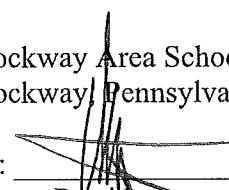
WHEREAS, the Brockway Area School District Board of Directors has made the decision that it shall not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the Brockway Area School District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year by more than its index.

AND NOW, on this 13th day of January, 2026, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Brockway Area School District (hereinafter “District”) Board of Directors (hereinafter “Board”) the following:

1. The Board certifies that it will not increase any school district tax for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
2. The Board certifies that it will comply with the procedures set forth in Section 687, of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (hereinafter “School Code”), 24 P.S. §6-687, for the adoption of its proposed and final budget.
3. The Board certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its final budget of the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
4. The Administration of the District will submit the District’s information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the District to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the uniform form prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board’s adoption of this Resolution.

5. The Administration of the District will send a copy of this Resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
6. The Board understands and agrees that by passing this Resolution it is not eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333(f) of Act 1 and is not eligible to request approval from the voters through a referendum to increase a tax rate by more than the index as established for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
7. Once this Resolution is passed, the Administration of the District is not required to comply with the preliminary budget requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1. Provided, however:
 - (a) The Board understands and agrees that, upon receipt of the information submitted by the District as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall compare the District's proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index.
 - (b) Within ten days of the receipt of this information, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall inform the District whether its proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.
 - (c) If the Pennsylvania Department of Education determines that the District's proposed increase in the rate of the District's tax exceeds the index, the District is subject to the preliminary budget requirements as set forth in paragraph (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1.

Brockway Area School District
Brockway, Pennsylvania

By: 
President

ATTEST:



Secretary

(SEAL)